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## **VUSAC MEETING MINUTES**

March 22nd, at 5:10 PM in the Goldring Student Center  
MINUTES

### **In Attendance**

#### **Judiciary**

VPI: Nickolas Shyshkin (proxy for zoe)

VPE: Devon Wilton

#### **Assessor Members**

CHAIR: Alexa Breininger

CHIEF RETURNING OFFICER: Molly Simpson

OFFICE MANAGER: Emma Lailey

COMMUNICATIONS: Rehan Vishwanath

#### **Commissioners and Councillors**

COMMUTER: Emilia De Fabritiis

ARTS AND CULTURE: Carleigh Campbell

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: Cameron Davies

EQUITY: Georgia Lin

SCARLET AND GOLD: Alexa Ballis

#### **Co-Chairs**

COMMUTER CO-CHAIR: Tabina Ahmed

EQUITY CO-CHAIR: Vibhuti Kacholia

SUSTAINABILITY CO-CHAIR: Victoria Silva

#### **Councillors**

James Cassady

Gabrielle daSilva (proxy for Angela)

Katie Marsland (proxy for Ali)

Jai Kakkar

#### **Guests**

CAMPUS LIFE COORDINATOR: Christina Alcena

STUDENT PROJECTS CHAIR: Leora Nash

STRAND: Rebecca Gao  
STRAND EDITOR-IN-CHIEF: Sabrina Paplas

**Regrets**

COUNCILLOR: Genevieve Crispin-Frei  
COUNCILLOR: Jenny Zhang  
MENTAL WELLNESS COMMISSIONER: Ali Kehl  
VPSO: Zoe Ritchie  
PRESIDENT: Jayde Jones  
FINANCE: Tiger Fu  
COUNCILLOR: Angela Medina  
SUSTAINABILITY: Jared Connoy

Land Recognition: Devon (1 minute)

I would like to acknowledge this sacred land on which the University of Toronto and Victoria College operate on. It has been a site of human activity for 15,000 years [continued...]

Additions to the Agenda (maximum 3 minutes per addition)

- Nick to add (3 minutes) for an update
- Devon to add (3 minutes) for an update
- Molly to add (3 minutes) for an update

Motion: Devon moves to approve the agenda with the amendment that Devon's update be moved to the beginning. Alexa seconds. Motion passes.

- Favour: ALL
- Abstained: None
- Opposed: None

Motion: Georgia moves to approve the minutes from March 8th, 2019 as it stands. Carleigh seconds. Motion passes.

- Favour: ALL
- Abstained: None
- Opposed: None

Pressing Items:

- [None]

VP External - Devon Wilton

- Update (3 minutes)

[Summary] I just wanted to give my update early because I have an obligation in fifteen minutes. Just to update on our change jar, the change collection went well. We raised \$71.30 which is awesome. I submitted that to Tiger, then he is going to write me a cheque req form which I will deposit and then donate the money to the website. Just so you know how the flow of money is organized. Thank you everyone for your help with this, being at the desk and encouraging people to donate. Caffiends did a similar initiative so that is great. I think that collecting funds is a great way to show support for these kinds of initiatives and should happen in the future. Also, Crescams is this Monday. So sign up. Wait--there is a waitlist! Get on the waitlist. It's a great way to support the people in the community. And

the Renaming Ryerson Initiative is still working. Our Board reps are doing great work. We are not pleased with the Board's dealing with the report however. But come ask me if you have questions. The project is still going on and I am still working. We are still accepting letters of endorsements and comments. We have a lot of important people sharing comments, which is good. And that's my report.

## **EX-OFFICIO UPDATES**

- Dean's Office Update - Christina
  - Update (2 minutes)

[Summary] Thank you! As Devon mentioned, Crescams are on Monday. If you're still interested in going I will add you to the waitlist. Transition Mentor hiring is going on right now, and the Transition Mentor carousel will be on Sunday. Orientation Leader hiring went well. We had 120 applications. Then we interviewed from the carousel, and there will be more to come. Student leader day is on Friday April 5th from 10AM-2:30PM in the Goldring. Everyone is welcome to come and be involved. In addition, we have our Campus Reconciliations Third Listening coming up, date to be decided. It is a whole day event, but if you can't attend the whole day, I would still encourage you to attend the sessions that you can. As we move into the remaining weeks of class, I just want to remind you that I am available and please don't hesitate to reach out if you need support.

- Dean of Students
  - [No Update]
- President of Victoria University
  - [No Update]
- UTSU Directors Update - Haleema and Usman (3 minutes)
  - [No Update]

## **ACTION ITEMS**

- Motion by Devon Wilton to create a new budget line "glassware for attendees" in the VPE portfolio and reallocate \$254.00 from the "gifts for nominees" and "gifts for award winners" budget line to the new budget line (5 minutes)

[Summary] So, in my budget submission I requested \$650 for gifts for the winners and nominees for Crescams. I've purchased gifts for the nominees and award winners, and we usually also purchase souvenirs for the attendees. This year, we've decided that they will get a glass that says Victoria University on it. As we are in a waitlist situation, I anticipate that the utilization rate for these souvenirs will be 100%. The Dean's Office is shouldering most of the cost. I would've budgeted for it if I knew that this was the way that it should shake out. I just want to be transparent and ensure the money is accurately reflected in the budget, which is why I am going through this extra step.

Motion: Devon Wilton to create a new budget line "glassware for attendees" in the VPE portfolio and reallocate \$254.00 from the "gifts for nominees" and "gifts for award winners" budget line to the new budget line. Gabby seconds. Motion passes.

- Favour: ALL
- Abstained: None
- Opposed: None

- Motion by Leora Nash to approve a grant of \$3,360.00 for the VUSAC Sustainability Commission to purchase the products listed in their application with the following stipulations: That they purchase 4000 per product instead of 1000, that an inventory be completed and presented to Student Projected Chair for approval prior to ordering, that the Office Manager and Sustainability Commissioner jointly present a plan for organization to Student Project Chair prior to ordering. (See Appendix A) (5 minutes)

[Summary] Hi, so the Student Projects Committee chose to offer this grant to buy more green shift items for clubs and levies so that they have more of an opportunity to be sustainability mindful for their events. We did have a few stipulations, and that includes that they purchase 4000 per product instead of 1000, that an inventory be completed and presented to Student Projected Chair for approval prior to ordering, that the Office Manager and Sustainability Commissioner jointly present a plan for organization to Student Project Chair prior to ordering. It is important prior to ordering the supplies and to ensure that enough is going to be ordered.

Emma: Have you already done the inventory?

Leora: Not yet, the reason we are doing an inventory is to get a plan for where everything will be stored, just so that the clubs and levies know it is available to them. It will need to happen before the application goes forward though. It's just because the utensils are in multiple different places that it makes it a little tricky to get exact numbers.

Emma: I looked over the application this morning and did a quick inventory of our back storage room and club storage. If you want those numbers?

Leora: That would be amazing, do you want to send them to me?

Emma: Sounds good.

Motion: Leora Nash moves to approve a grant of \$3,360.00 for the VUSAC Sustainability Commission to purchase the products listed in their application with the following stipulations: That they purchase 4000 per product instead of 1000, that an inventory be completed and presented to Student Projected Chair for approval prior to ordering, that the Office Manager and Sustainability Commissioner jointly present a plan for organization to Student Project Chair prior to ordering. Emilia seconds. Motion passes.

- Favour: ALL
- Abstained: None
- Opposed: None

- Motion by Sabrina Papas to ratify Rebecca Gao as Editor-in-Chief of The Strand (5 minutes)

[Summary] So, each year we elect our Editor-in-Chief through a council vote. And those who can't come can vote online. Rebecca was elected and he transition will happen on April 1st and we just want to ratify it. When Annsley and I are out the door. We're outta here.

Motion: Sabrina Papas moves to ratify Rebecca Gao as Editor-in-Chief of The Strand for the 2019-2020 academic year. Georgia seconds. Motion passes.

- Favour: ALL
- Abstained: None
- Opposed: None

*[applause]*

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Recess: Carleigh seconded by Jai 5 minutes

- Elections and Referenda Code, Council Policy, and Constitutional amendments (30 minutes)  
Molly (See Appendix B)

[Summary] These are a few amendments to each governing document. I'll sum up the ERC. These are not big amendments; very much just things to make next year's CRO more comfortable. The first one is forcing office neutrality because that was a big issue this year and it is every year. Then allowing VUSAC Exec that are not running to be allowed to sign posters. It was informally happening but it is useful. There is no reason that Nick and Jayde can't sign posters. Also because one of us tries to be in the office through all of elections. The next thing is scrapping residence postering in the policy. I think that if it is something the CRO wants to consider that is worthwhile but mandating it was very stressful. The last one, is that appeals are only to be made to the EAC (Elections and Appeals Committee). A lot of the times there was an infraction and they emailed the CRO and that's not why we have an Elections Committee.

Vibhuti: I have a question. So I know you took out the section on mandating postering. Would there be anyway of introducing language to making it a recommendation? Or is that something you don't want to do

Molly: I would be comfortable putting it as a recommendation. I don't know why it needs to be in policy when it can be in my transition report. Mandating is a weird thing. But if you'd prefer I am comfortable with that.

Vibhuti: Just because you might have it in your transition report but it might get lost as other years don't put it in. It's a good idea, and important for people to know in coming years.

Molly: I'd be comfortable doing that. I know my predecessor did a poster walk with candidates, so I can include her recommended option as well.

*[duo thumbs up]*

#### Council policies

Molly: On to council policies. This is something we talked about with the Bob. I was the stage manager of the Bob this year and I've directed a VCDS show and I've worked a lot with VCDS. I think having a chapter of council policies dedicated to the bob (which Devon brought up last year) is useful. And having outlines about what people do. Hiring a co-producer that knows more about theatre will be useful. The Arts and Culture Commissioner role is huge. How can you expect them to do everything? That's why having a co-producer is very useful. VCDS has co-producers for Bader shows because the Bader is massive and theatre is hard. Devon and I worked together and I worked with other Bob cast members about wording and those things. But if anyone has comments now, we can get into it so that when I bring it up for a vote next council it can be a quick run and down.

Leora: I think that having a subsections about the responsibilities of the co-producer, ironing that out a bit is worthwhile. For clarity, I was a VCDS co-producer last year. I think that lining that up and supporting the Arts and Culture Commissioner as well as the directors and casting and selection of the show. And taking over some responsibilities of the tech director like sound cues--which took Devon and I nine hours to split up. To add a section in 6 the responsibility of the co-producer so the Arts and Culture Commissioner could hold them responsible.

Alexa: I love this, first of all. Under the assistant stage manager: clarifying that they can work backstage with props and set changes. Having that in there with their duties. And having a meeting in advance with the stage manager and tech director, and directors to go over sound cues in advance would be valuable. Yes! Paper tech. Use the right language.

Vibhuti: I was wondering if you are you thinking about adding on a timeline for the technical director to get hired? I know that you put that for the producer.

*[Molly nods]*

Leora: I have a question about the line that says they have to be an ex-officio member. So does that mean that they can't be on VUSAC can direct the Bob? I think that is a good idea.

Molly: Yes. For some context: it did exist in the policy already as well. If this were to pass, I would throw in a same constitutional amendment that puts co-producers and the Bob into the constitution as ex-officio members. The rationalizing is it's about diversifying student leadership and it's also just hard to hold two big positions.

Leora: Yes. For context, Devon and I were the directors last year and it was hard for us because we obviously hold other big positions. It can be a detriment to our own health, but it's also good to have diversity. Having the same three people in meetings all the time is tough. Having a fourth person would definitely help the structure of the Bob.

Vibhuti: So the co-producer and directors would be ex-officio?

Molly: Yes.

Vibhuti: Would the technical team be?

Molly: No, I don't think so. This year the two ASMs and I were on council. That makes a lot of sense. For example, Alexa was on VUSAC and the stage manager last year. There are so few qualified tech people on this campus. And the bader is very technically demanding. It was the most technically difficult show that I've done.

Carleigh: I'm thinking timeline wise. I haven't decided if I have anything to say yet...cause I'm running through it in my head. I'm thinking about this year, this won't be ratified until the joint council meeting. And the director applications are already out. We've had applicants. I have something to say. Maybe, you know what it's fine.

Molly: I've also thought about that. I know that the applications are out which is really exciting. One thing I recommended was providing a writing sample in the application. There is no reason in this sense to not hire directos first and then co-producers after because it is still a huge asset to the Arts and Culture commissioner and then when we ratify the timeline note that they wouldn't be able to apply. I will clarify that further though.

Molly: Onto the Constitutional amendments: The first, is that the CRO is not a VCU member. That's a big thing. And the changes there reflect what you do. To make the CRO separate from VUSAC: not attending meetings, not holding office hours, or being obligated to attend events in the same way. As well what would happen if there was a resignation. And a bit of policy about the ACRO, that they should be a member on VUSAC, but if it's not possible that they be a member of the VCU and in the spring to have them as only a councillor. Then, the Exec has to approve them. But that's the first one.

Vibhuti: I have a question about E: I feel like this language, you can be CRO and then run in the spring elections? Is that what you're trying to do.

Molly: Yes. This is directly from the Constitution currently. But, the current idea is that the CRO could resign. But if the CRO were to resign you just have to hire someone new. They might be like: fall elections were bad. I don't want to do this anymore. Or, they might be like: We're back, round two baby!

Cameron: I just had a question about, do you know, where it says "not attend all meetings, hold office hours in VUSAC" that is a good idea. Do you think that they should hold alternative duties? For example, it is valuable to have the CRO accessible throughout the year. If someone

wants to ask a question about elections, they CRO should be accessible. Maybe they should hold info sessions?

Molly: In the ERC it mandates that we hold at least one info session outside of the office. No one has come to my office hours to ask about elections.

Jai: In Point E. When it says that the person might try to resign and stuff. How does the re-hiring work? What if you can't find another person from another college? Because elections could be happening at other colleges and that person might want to get involved over there. How would you tackle that?

Molly: The constitution says that you would appoint a VUSAC member into that role if you can't find an ex-officio person. I'd be happy to add a section I to that to make that clear, that you could appoint someone to take on that role but that is my understanding of the hiring process.

Alexa: About E as well. I know that the UTSU does two separate [...] for the spring and fall elections, so that makes sense to me. In terms of the "may resign between election periods" it might be valuable to have some language. What if it's like the day before the elections, and then they're like peace? We need enough time to hire someone and get stuff going.

Cameron: I was just wondering, would it be worthwhile to clarify how the honorarium would be divided between the two CROS? I assume spring elections is a little bit more work/stress than fall?

Molly: That would go into the general staff hiring section of the Constitution and be an issue for the Exec. I would recommend that if I were to resign and someone would have to be rehired to do spring elections it should be \$250-\$250. Because spring elections might be more stressful but you put in the same amount of hours.

Vibhuti: I have a question about office hours. Because, I feel like if staff are getting paid, and running two elections, that is a lot of work, but other staff are doing work and holding office hours. I think that if you're getting paid, you should be required to be involved with the VCU. No matter your duties. What do you think?

Molly: The reason I proposed no office hours is because I think that the CRO should be totally separate from VUSAC. They should not get a sweater or go to retreat. They should be working with the Exec exclusively. By holding office hours you get integrated into the office culture. I would not trade my time of VUSAC for the world, but it's inappropriate for the CRO to become close friends with 30 people who run in VUSAC spring elections. If anything, if that is off-putting, because they're not going to meetings or attending events then you could say, you could offer \$400 pay. I also don't feel like my pay comes from attending meetings or holding office hours. It comes from the work I do during elections and the work I do for the ERC. That is my stance on that.

Nick: Just for clarification: I think that Molly's amendments are valid and they do align with how other student societies run on campus. Hiring externally, and more unattached. We only started to integrate the CRO into VUSAC in 2015-2016? Which was when the CRO wanted to be more involved with VUSAC and then it just stayed in that kind of spirit. What Molly is proposing is important for us to do on Council because it does interfere with elections.

Gabby: I'm wondering how, if the CRO wants to amend the ERC, are they ex-officio? Can they vote for amendments because they would be not operating directly with VUSAC, but they would be the ones coming up with that?

Molly: The way that ERC amendments work at the moment is that the CRO can bring those changes to the table with a second. Whereas, everything else they couldn't. That would be maintained. There is also a clause that says if council changes the ERC without the CRO they have to make an effort to contact them. I would recommend that if this passes that you make sure you ping the CRO to be there to talk. Hopefully, with the ERC changes, it would not be changing

with the frequency it has been. It is a pretty good document if I say so myself. That would be how that would work.

Jai: When it says that “they’re not obligated to hold office hours,” but if they are passionate and want to get involved. And if council needs someone to cover, what happens then? Will it be given to the CRO because they are being paid? Or, what...

Molly: That would be at the discretion of next year’s VPI. There is not super restrictive language, like it does not say that they can not attend VUSAC events because that would be bad. That would be a bad thing to do.

Emilia: Would it be like how co-chairs have the option of covering office hours, but don’t have to?

Molly: Again, it would be at the discretion of the VPE. But it might be a good idea to train the CRO on office hours. But as a non-VCU member, they might not be the best equipped to answer the same as other people.

Vibhuti: I understand that the CRO doesn’t have to be at retreat, but they should take part in the equity training. They don’t need everything else, but they should be mandated to come to some kind of equity training.

Molly: Yes. I will add that and it needs to happen before fall elections. I was trained before fall elections and that was very useful.

Molly: Moving on, the next one (my passion project) is getting rid of the first and upper year separation. This would reverse it to the policies it was before this year. We would reserve three spots for upper years with the exception that we add the CRO makes an effort to ask different questions for first and upper years, in the FB forum and at town hall. Having 10+ people on stage at Town hall is not useful anyways. But, the questions for first and upper councillors are different because of experience. But having 3 first years only was scary, and I got a lot of emails about how nervous they were. It’s hard to find upper years interested, but being a councillor is the only way for first years to get involved in VUSAC. I feel strongly about this and I feel like it will make things easier for next year’s exec and more inclusive.

Jai: It says there is...the fourth Friday in the academic year. So, Orientation work starts on the first Monday. Does the first Friday count? Do classes start on Thursday? Two years ago classes started on Monday. Basically, is it the last week of September instead of the fourth Friday?

Molly: What they’re saying is that you need a full council by the end of September. Our package this year was released the Orientation Monday and then due by the second Friday.

Alexa: I understand the system needs to change. But I’m uncomfortable with the fact that first and upper year councillors are being asked different questions. There could also be second years coming from the same place as first years? I’m just. I understand, but I’m still ...

Molly: I understand that. It is a tricky line to walk. In our experience, the questions upper years were asked were more hard hitting and about other years and issues that first years wouldn’t of known about. I would be okay to work with you or council to fix this wording. But the ultimate goal is to make first years feel more comfortable without allowing them to have an advantage.

Cameron: I like the idea that first years do have separate questions. I know I didn’t know a lot about Vic in my second year here. The CRO is trying to create an environment where everyone is comfortable and I think that is important because these two groups of people don’t have the same experience and shouldn’t be held to the same standards information wise.

Alexa: I didn’t mean that I thought it was a bad idea, but it’s unfair that they are being asked separate questions for the same position. It feels a little if-y. I am happy to work with you on the language.



Molly: I know Jared mentioned last time we discussed this, about reserving three slots for upper years, pending their reply. That way we can have separate questions and make it more comfortable.

Alexa: That would be valuable.

Nick: If we do want to make amendments it would need to be done today. Because it needs to be done today.

Vibhuti: Point of order, is that for the Constitution or everything?

Alexa: Constitution.

Motion: Alexa moves to extend discussion by 10 minutes. Cameron seconds. Motion passes.

- Favour: ALL
- Abstained: None
- Opposed: None

Alexa: I'll try something: "Eight councillors, at least three of which will be first years, and three of which will be upper years, depending on [...]" ... How many people submit nomination packages?

Molly: I spent a lot of time on this. I think that the language I would recommend is: "Eight councillors, at least three of which will be first years, and at least three of which will be upper years" Then sub-section I: "the guarantee of three first years and three upper years is dependent on the fact that three first years and three upper years run for the position. A bi-election need not be held if that is not the case." Cause I don't think it's necessary to have a bi-election. If you have six first years run, two upper years, and yeah.

Alexa: Is that a friendly amendment?

Molly: I would be happy to.

Cameron: How will that interplay into the uncontested elections policy? Would that trigger elections to be reopened?

Molly: You would have to amend that policy. Right now it is dependent on three and five upper years. I don't think we should reopen elections just because you didn't get that number. It is more valuable to just run the elections than to reopen and *maybe* get somebody. If this were to pass we would need to amend the uncontested amendment formula as well.

Vibhuti: Is that in the council policies or ERC?

Molly: In the Constitution. To be clear: if we want these at joint council, we need to make a final decision about this wording now. I need to send this out tonight with amendments made?

Alexa: Correct.

## **ASSESSOR MEMBER REPORTS**

- Acta Victoriana - [No Report]
- Caffiends - [No Report]
- Cat's Eye - [No Report]
- Student Projects - [No Report]
- The Strand - [No Report]

- VicPride! - [No Report]
- VCAA - [No Report]
- VCDS - [No Report]

## **GOVERNING BODIES**

- BoR - [No Report]
- VCC - [No Report]
- VUS - [No Report]

## **STAFF MEMBER UPDATES**

### Chief Returning Officer - Molly Simpson

- [No Update]

### Communications Director - Rehan Vishwanath

- [No Update]

### Finance Chair - Tiger Fu

- [No Update]

### Office Manager - Emma Lailey

- [No Update]

### Chair - Alexa Breininger

- [No Update]

## **COMMISSION UPDATES**

### Academic & Professional Development - Cameron Davies

- Update (3 minutes)

[Summary] Hi everyone! The commission just had an event today. We had our third writing event today. We have a few more initiatives before the end of the year. Our first is the Resume workshop on this Tuesday. The event page for that is coming out tonight. We also just published our Academic Resources card, we will be doing final editing but they will be distributed during study space. Take a look at it and give us your feedback! This tool is supposed to be more productive than other items we could give away. Lucy is working on a collab with the dons for Exam Jam right now. And finally, in terms of the muji pen giveaway we are looking for your feedback. We have gotten positive and negative feedback and this is all really valuable. Don't hesitate to raise your concerns or comments with me. Are there any questions?

Jai: I just wanted to add that you should let us know if there is anything we can edit with the card before we order them.

Georgia: Right now?

Jai: You can.

Georgia: No, that's fine.

#### Commuter Commissioner - Emilia De Fabritiis and Tabina Ahmed

- Update (7 minutes)

[Summary] So, this is some fun updates. So, our tote bags have been out. Many people have bought them. Thank you to Leora on student projects and everyone who sat on the committee for letting this project take fruition. A lot of people have been giving me compliments on them. They are durable bags. People have been finding great use out of them, so I am very happy. Ann Urbansic bought three! All three of her daughters were on VOCA apparently. Crazy! Next week is the last VOCA pancakes of my term. Crazy! It's some overwhelming stuff. What else is there. We had our last event was two weeks ago. It was our Breakfast for Dinner event, that went very successfully. Tabina and I were a bit overwhelmed. A lot of people wanted those Burwash hala beef patties. I've been involved since my first year. I applied for an exec position in my first and second year and I didn't get it. Then, I applied to be co-chair and it led to two years of me working very hard for a cause that I really felt... *[Emilia cries]*

*[Awww]*

Nick: Save it for joint council!

Emilia: I want to help everyone for your support. It's been an overwhelming year. Thank you for the pancake papi support. Who's next? Georgia!

Alexa: On another note: I looked into it a little bit more and it is seven days. So it doesn't need to be done tonight. You still have time.

#### Equity Commissioner - Georgia Line and Vibhuti Kacholia

- Update (5 minutes)

[Summary] Hi everyone! As we wrap up the end of the year, I want to update you on our events that have been happening. Lucy put on the carnival event that went really well! Anything to add?

Lucy: Thank you for coming, It went well. Very fun, met lots of people.

Georgia: We love Brazil. Next we had our Pride Night Event. There was a great turn out! Over 40 people came. We had the original film maker at the screening there on the panel. Persian New Year happened yesterday... because yesterday is today in Iran-time. Sayeh put on an event from Monday to Wednesday, there was a half scene from Monday to Wednesday in the atrium and people could come by and eat Persian sweets. Then, two LGBT-out collabs this week. Stevie bob came on Wednesday, which had a great turnout. It went well.

Vibhuti: Open mic on happened on Thursday night. We had to reschedule a couple times because of Cat's Eye conflicts. But it went really well. We were thankful for the space and it went well.

Georgia: We had two events with the Dean's office. One was the Inclusivity in Tech Event. This can go on the record: I didn't think it went that well. They didn't do enough planning. I gave my remarks. Sorry, Christina I love you. It happened. And then the story telling one:

Vibhuti: The Storytelling with Alumni was awesome. We had three really cool alumni come in and share their stories. There was a decent turn out. It was a cozy event, and cool working with the alumni office and Christina.

Georgia: We also had an event with Harthouse global commons project and they collaborated with the University of Capetown, in a series on student activism. And comparing that from the South African lens to our lens. I was able to sit in on a session with them and talk about Ryerson and other student advocacy projects we've done this year. Upcoming, we have two more things left. One is a Youth Homelessness awareness event on the 28th 12-2pm. People coming in from

Daily Bread Foodbank, as well as someone who does physical research on homeless policy in Toronto. And a Social media campaign.

Vibhuti: We will have a Trans Visibility Event, because that day is on the 31st of March. We are working with Vic pride on that but it is in the works.

Georgia: We still have one more meeting left to wrap up. And I will save the rest for joint council.

#### Mental Wellness - Ali Kehl

- Update (3 minutes)

*[Vibhuti imitates Ali's voice #freaky accurate]*

“Hello sweet friends!! this is Ali (this is a reminder to please be in character) I apologize for missing the meeting but you know mine and zoe's hearts belong to the gooch stream!! it's been a super good couple of weeks for the commission! we had a commission member lead event: diy chocolate face masks which not only provided students with organic face masks (and snacks!!) but also worked towards taking the guilt out of self care practices! as well, super super exciting our mental wellness resource guide is finally live on the website!! i shared it on both my personal and commission page but if y'all could spread the word that would be incredible! on that note, also spread the word that sad lamps are available at the vusac front desk for free!!! nick posted a guide to signing them out on the facebook page so refer to that! last night we had our happy doc n talk which went super well! it was in vc115 and the conversation was very fruitful!!! i left feeling very “happy”! (get it) finally coming up next week on thursday march 28th from 5-7pm we will be having a resource fair in the atrium!!! i believe that is all from me! hope you all enjoy your weekend!! and a special shout out to the wonderful alexa — one week til the birth of your baby!!!! (in case people thought this was a pregnancy announcement please confirm that i am speaking about highball)”

Alexa: I would just like to clarify that neither one of us is pregnant.

#### Scarlet & Gold - Alexa Ballis

- Update (5 minutes)

[Summary] Highball is in a week. So, in exactly a week and 36 minutes the doors will be opened. I will send out the volunteer schedule and dates for training sessions soon. You are required to attend the volunteer training sessions. There will be a lot of people, so I am very thankful for those who have volunteered. We need your support. The waitlist is open now and they have been getting tickets. If you haven't done so yet, pick up your ticket! We had our Affordable Formal Wear Sale Tuesday-Thursday, and we made \$500 in total. The money is going to Union Charity which is an after arts charity for at risk Toronto youth. Suits You was happy with the event. People picked up their dresses and I'm happy that people have new outfits to wear. I know that I got something. Thank you!

Jai: During office hours, I saw some people show up because but couldn't come in due to Goldring's reduced hours on Fridays. Is there a place where they can drop their dresses off?

Alexa: I will check with security to see if they can have Goldring open later. But I can look into that and share later. Thank you. I'm sorry I don't have an answer right now.

#### Sustainability Commissioner - Victoria Silva

- Update (3 minutes)

[Summary] Um, okay. So this week we had a sustainability Eco fair. It was cool. It was thought of and led by one of our commission members. At the event they offered essential oil mists and trail mix and easy hacks for how to be sustainable. Next week is our Doc and Talk, Dem[french title] it is supposed to be a lot more hopeful. Leave off the semester on a positive note.

#### Arts and Culture - Carleigh Campbell

- [No Update]

### **EXECUTIVE UPDATES**

#### VP External - Devon Wilton

- [No Update]

#### VP Internal - Nick Shyshkin

- Update

[Summary] As the year comes to an end--which is absolutely tragic--we are wrapping up and that means that we all need to do transition reports. Exec, staff and commissioners do at least. Councillors: if you want, you can do a big councillor thing. Like if you all put your hot takes into one document for the next bunch of councillors, that's cool. I'll give you that option. Co-chairs should talk with their commissioners. I'll send an email with a template. Other than that. That's all I have left. The last meeting is on the fifth.

Emma: Will you be making memes about people who hand in their transition reports first, like last year?

Nick: So last year what happened was Zahavah, last year's President, made a vine for the first five people who handed in their transition reports. I was thinking about memes, but I'm not the most adequate one at that. I was wondering about hiring Lucy on. I can do something similar if people are interested.

#### VPSO - Zoe Ritchie

- [No Update]

#### President - Jayde Jones

- [No Update]

### **Additions:**

- Molly - Update (3 minutes)

[Summary] I will have a full elections debrief at final council because I will have my CRO report. We haven't released voting yet, so I can't say anything else about elections other than they went well. I am doing an update because I want to express, unfortunately, my disappointment since voting has closed. Results are supposed to be secret and they have not been, which is *extremely* inappropriate. You can not imply, and you should not be telling people. It's inappropriate, it's uncomfortable, and it's not fair to anyone. It's not fair because if there is an appeal, and if you go around making it clear that you won and there's an appeal, you look like a goon. I was to express that I was uncomfortable and upset with a lot of people in this room. The only people who should know every result is myself and Nick. I just wanted to put that in the minutes. And that is in part, why I enforce council neutrality so strongly in the new rules.

Especially when people have tried to keep it secret. For example, no one knows who the Arts and Culture commissioner is because they're doing the right thing.

Alexa: I forgot to say that we have a coat check. I forgot. It's to the right of the entrance. I'm sorry.

Motion: Katie moves to adjourn the meeting. Lucy seconds. Motion passes.

- Favour: ALL
- Abstained: None
- Opposed: None